#### The time is right for Solar!





# Why Solar

- ★Locks in electricity costs for the life of the system, typically 25+ years
- ★Usually cash positive from day one when rolled into a refinance or home equity loan
- \*Federal tax credits & California rebates make systems very affordable
- \* No pollution, reduces country's need for oil, silent
- **★**Warranted for 25 years, very little maintenance
- \*Adds to property values without increasing taxes



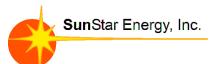
# Who Can Use Solar

- **★** Residences -Best with electric bills over \$80/month
- \* Small to large business owners
  - \*Wineries
  - \*Warehouses
  - **★Light industry**
  - **★**Office buildings
  - \*Roofs
  - \*Hillsides
  - **★**Parking structures
  - \* Patios
  - **★Southeast to West orientation**
  - **★**Some direct sun exposure needed



## Tax Credit & Rebate

- US Federal Tax Credit
  - Residential
    - 30% of system cost full <u>CREDIT</u>
  - Businesses
    - 30% of system cost full <u>CREDIT</u>
    - Accelerated depreciation
- CA Solar Initiative (CSI)
  - 1Million installations: 2017 goal, achieved next year
  - Pays \$200/kw rebate now
  - Will be used up in a few months



# What is the Cost of Solar

- **★**Cost of PV panels has dropped to 25% of 5 years ago
- \*A typical 5 kw AC residential system will cost under \$22,000, or \$14,700 net after rebate and tax credit
- **★CA rebates \$200/kW**
- **★**Federal tax credit of 30% for residences
- ★Businesses receive 30% tax credit and accelerated depreciation



# Best Time to Install Solar

- During new home financing or refi
  - Usually a buyer can save much more on electric bills than the added cost of the mortgage for PV system
  - Cash positive from day one
- Home equity line or separate financing
  - Savings begin from day one of the loan
- Home equity financing has low rates & tax advantages

# More Reasons to Go Solar Now

- CA rebates will be gone in a few months
- PV prices at historic lows
- Lock in energy costs for 30 years
- Reduce US oil imports
- Reduce Greenhouse gases

Start saving \$ and energy now!

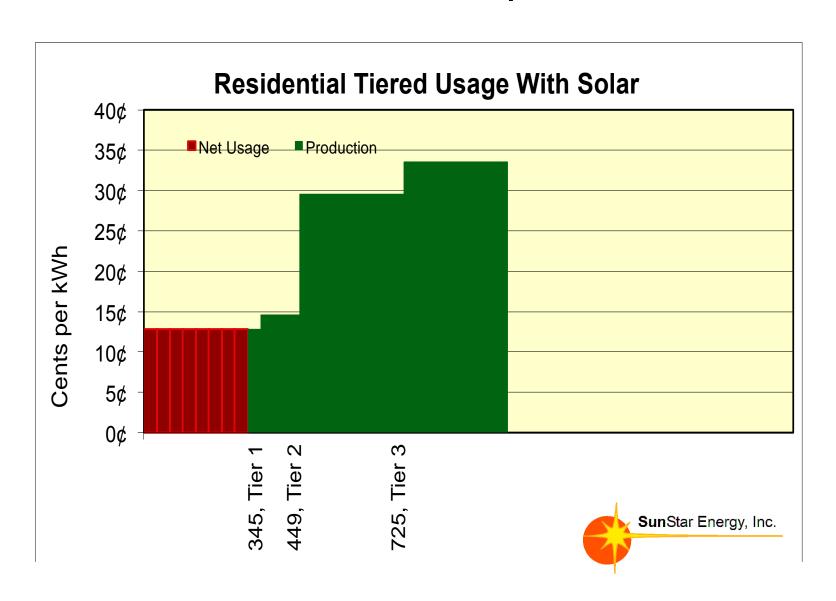


# Solar is highly leveraged in PG&E territory because of:

- Tiered Rate Structure
- Time Of Use Rate Schedule



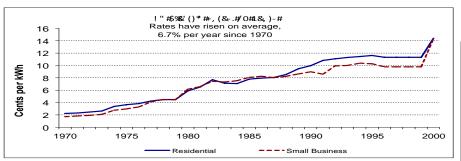
#### PG&E Rate Tiers - Sweet Spot for Solar

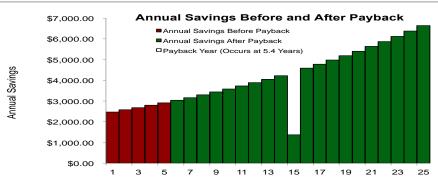


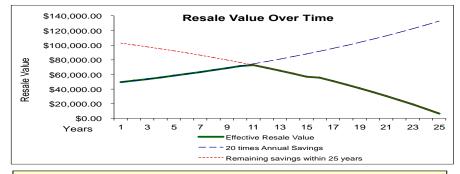
## Time of Use (TOU) Rate Schedule E6

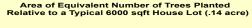
- TOU rates charge/credit more during summer (May – Oct) weekday afternoons (peak)
- Summer Tier 1 peak rate: \$0.28/kwh
- Off peak Tier 1 rate: \$0.10/kwh
- Solar is most productive during summer peak
- Properly sized system will produce excess power during peak, getting high peak credits
- You buy power at 1/3 that cost during off peak



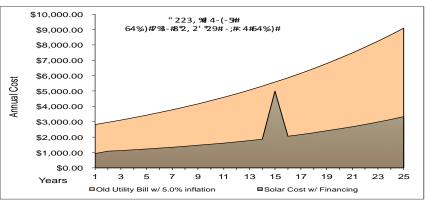


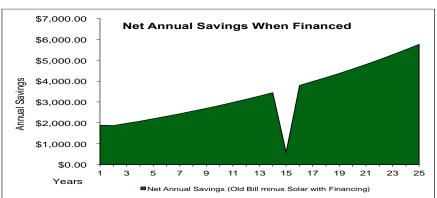


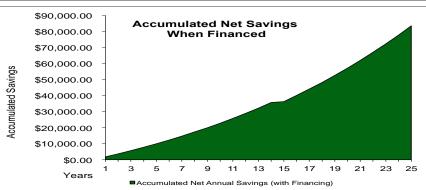




#### **Cash Flow Over Time:**







## Cash Flow Example with Solar:

Old Bill: \$235 / month

New Bill: \$ 26 / month

Net Loan Payment: \$ 52 / month

New Total: \$ 78 / month

Positive Cash Flow from day 1: \$ 157 / month



- Total Net Savings over 25 years: \$84,000
- Increased home resale value usually exceeds cost & improves marketability per "The Appraisal Journal" & NREL
- If paying cash, is comparable to getting 33.2% ROI on a taxed investment like stock
- Pays for itself in 5 years



#### Warranties

- 25 year manufacturer PV performance warranty: PV panels are very robust
- 10 year manufacturer Inverter warranty, or 25 years with micro-inverters
- 10 year comprehensive system warranty from SunStar Energy







# How do you get started

**★**You provide us with your monthly electricity costs & address

**★**We can look at your roof on GoogleEarth to size the array

**★**We can then email you a proposal & financial analysis

\* Next, meet at your home to look at details, answer questions

**★**We handle all the paperwork



# Why SunStar Energy

**★**Owner is NABCEP certified, a LEED AP, & a member of BBB

★ Owner will be involved with YOUR project

**★** Very cost effective, attractive systems

**★Locally owned since 2002** 

\*We manage the whole process, from permit through installation to PG&E & CSI rebate



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